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### MRS. CHARLES RIDGELY, 1836-1922.

Mrs. Ridgely was in her eighty-sixth year, and would have observed her eighty-sixth birthday had she lived until May 31. She had been spending the winter in the south, according to her usual custom, going to Florida sometime in December, and stopping at the hotel in Eustis conducted by Lewis N. Wiggins of Springfield where many Springfield people are staying. She died at Eustis March 15, 1922.

Mrs. Jane Maria Ridgely, wife of the late Charles Ridgely, formerly vice president of the Ridgely National bank and president of the Springfield Iron Works, was the daughter of James Barret of Island Grove, Sangamon County. She had lived in Springfield practically all of her life. She was born May 31, 1836. Her husband preceded her in death in 1909.

Mrs. Ridgely was the mother of four children, two of whom are living, Franklin Ridgely of Sand Springs, near Sapulpa, Okla., and Mrs. William A. Vincent of Chicago. Two sons, Edward Ridgely and William Barret Ridgely, are deceased. William Barret Ridgely was at one time comptroller of currency at Washington and both he and his brother Edward Ridgely, served as cashier of the Ridgely National bank. Franklin Ridgely was connected with the bank in official capacity until two years ago, when he removed to Oklahoma where he is now living on a ranch. Mrs. William A. Vincent was in Florida with her mother at the time of Mrs. Ridgely's death.

During the World War Mrs. Ridgely was very proud of the fact that her family was represented in service by eight grandsons, Lieut. Temple Ridgely and Sergt. Nicholas Ridgely, sons of Franklin Ridgely, Lieut. Col. Charles R. Vincent and Ensign John Vincent, sons of Mrs. William A. Vincent, Ensign Harry Clark Ridgely, Lieut. Charles Ridgely II, and Edward Ridgely, Jr., sons of Edward Ridgely, and

Joseph R. Barker, grandson-in-law, who married Miss Jane Vincent, daughter of Mrs. William A. Vincent.

Nicholas and Temple Ridgely are now living in Evans-ton. The only member of the Mrs. Ridgely's immediate family now living in Springfield is Ensign John A. Vincent, president of the Vincent Chemical Company, who lives at 1118½ South Grand avenue, west. Mr. Vincent came to Springfield to reside about a year and a half ago.

Mrs. Ridgely was an active member of St. Paul's Epis-copal church of this city, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and of the Monticello Alumnae asso-ciation, in all of which organizations she took a very prom-inent part, as she did in many civic affairs.

She was a woman of culture and charm, and possessed of a very sweet disposition. Her home at 631 South Fourth street was a pleasant place, usually filled with flowers, where she delighted to receive her friends. Her passing will be deeply felt by many Springfield people.

Mrs. Ridgely was an honorary life member of the Illinois State Historical Society.

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#### CALEB BARRETT LANING, 1839-1922.

Caleb Barrett Laning was born July 25, 1839, in Petersburg, Illinois, then a small settlement of fourteen families. He was the fourth child of Jacob and Hannah Silvers Laning, who settled in Petersburg shortly before his birth. The oldest child of this family, Sarah, became the wife of Rev. William F. Short, who for many years was a prominent Methodist clergyman in Central Illinois. The oldest son, Edward, was a prominent lawyer and business man in Peters-burg through his long and eventful life. The only survivor of the family of Jacob and Hannah Laning is Mr. T. P. Laning of Jacksonville, Illinois.

Caleb Barrett Laning spent his boyhood and youth in Petersburg except for one year at Illinois College and one year at McKendree College. As he approached manhood his health became very delicate and as his older brother, John, had just died of tuberculosis he joined a party of emi-grants in 1861 and made the overland journey to California